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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member, in view of the fact that this question has been with him for three months, whether he would ask the authorities concerned to expedite the report ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I understand that the report has reached the Board of Revenue. "

*Opening of the Peruvalai channel.*

* 525 Q.—Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state —

(a) whether it was announced at the Irrigation Conference held at Mandurai, Lalgudi taluk, that the Peruvalai channel will be opened on the 1st of June every year ;

(b) whether the mirasidars have put in seedlings on the strength of this announcement and in anticipation of a regular water-supply from 1st June 1927 ;

(c) whether there was a real flow of water only on the 22nd June 1927 ;

(d) whether complaints have been received regarding the failure or deficiency of water-supply in the Peruvalai channel ; and

(e) what steps the Government have taken to ensure adequate water-supply in the said channel ?

A.—The Government have no information.

*Alleged scarcity of water-supply in the Peruvalai channel.*

* 526 Q.—Mr. T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was a promise of water-supply in the Peruvalai channel, Lalgudi taluk, for sugarcane cultivation during the closure period ;

(b) whether the authorities have failed to keep up that promise and whether the sugarcane crops have failed on that account ; and

(c) whether any steps will be taken by the Government to avoid such scarcity of water-supply in future ?

A.—The Government have no information.

*Investigation of the Tungabhadra dam site.*

* 527 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of work so far carried out for the investigation of the Tungabhadra dam site ;

(b) whether any borings were taken in the river bed in the months of April and May when there was very little water in the river and if not, why not ;

(c) when the Government expect to finish this preliminary investigation ; and

(d) whether the Government would place on the table of the House a copy of the report of the Geologist to the Government of India on the dam site ?